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Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W. Room 222  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: PR Docket No. 92-235

Dear Ms. Searcy:

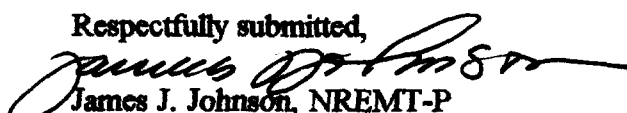
This letter is in reference to the FCC's decision to move all agencies to an 800 mHZ radio system. In our specific situation as an ambulance service this ruling could be devastating to us. The cost of switching our entire radio system over from the 150 mHZ to an 800 mHZ would be overwhelming if the estimates that are being furnished at this time are correct. Even at the time that this switch is supposed to take effect I can't see the prices being any less. The cost from estimates just for our small service would be in the range of \$24,000.00.

As for the reason that the change is taking place, anyhow what we are being told, is because of congestion of the current frequencies. I can see where this might be beneficial in the larger metropolitan areas of the country, but not in Wyoming, we have less than 500,000 people that live in the state. Our radio congestion is very minimal especially in Platte County. With the population being spread out the way it is we just don't have a problem with the current radio system or frequencies that have been assigned for our service. Nor is their any expectation of having a problem.

If this proposal were to go through and become mandatory it would be very devastating, not only for our service, but for many other Ambulance, Fire, Law Enforcement, Municipality, County and State government agencies that are functioning just fine the way it is currently. I was always taught that if it isn't broke don't fix it and I believe that this is the case with this ruling, you are trying to fix something here in Wyoming that just isn't a problem or isn't broke.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and I hope that you can understand our situation here in the Frontier of Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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